

Disclaim Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
U.S. Appl. No.: 10/784,942

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### REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document submitted February 24, 2004.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the references cited with the *Information Disclosure Statement* filed February 24, 2004.

### Status of the Application

Claims 1 and 3-38 are all the claims pending in the Application, as claims 27-38 are hereby added, and as claim 2 is hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, 17-19 and 26 stand rejected.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2, 10, 13-16 and 20-25 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants hereby amend independent claim 1 to include the features of allowable claim 2 (and correspondingly cancel claim 2). Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1, and that all of the claims 3-26 dependent therefrom, is now allowable.

Additionally, Applicants hereby rewrite allowable claims 10, 13, 20 and 23 in independent form as new claims 27, 28, 32 and 35, respectively. Further, Applicants hereby add new: (1) dependent claims 29-31, which correspond to allowable claims 14-16 but are dependent from new claim 28; (2) dependent claims 33 and 34, which correspond to allowable claims 21 and 22 but are dependent from new claim 32; and (3) dependent claims 36 and 37, which

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do respond to allowable claims 24 and 25 but are dependent from new claim 35. All of these  
new claims 27-37 are believed to be immediately allowable.

**Specification Objection**

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract, alleging an informality. The alleged  
informality is hereby corrected. Thus, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

**Drawings**

The Examiner has objected to the Drawings, alleging that "[t]he first lock mechanism  
'connecting said first terminals and said second terminals' must be shown or the feature(s)  
canceled from the claim(s)" (O.A., pg. 2, **emphasis** in original). Applicants submit herewith  
new Figures 7a and 8a, which more clearly show the features in question. These new Figures are  
fully supported both by pages 20-22 and Figures 1-6 of the instant Application. Thus,  
withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

**Claim Objections**

The Examiner has objected to claim 9, citing a typographical error (the misspelling of  
"four h" as "forth"). This typographical error is hereby corrected by clarifying, non-limiting,  
amendment of claim 9. Claim 10 is similarly amended to correct a similar error. Thus,  
withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

**Art Rejections**

The Examiner has rejected: (1) claims 1, 3-6, 8 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being  
anticipated by *Santomango et al.* (US 4,542,341; hereinafter "*Santomango*"); (2) claims 1, 9,  
11,12 and 17-19 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Yamamoto et al.* (4,158,220;

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hereinafter "*Yamamoto*"); and (3) claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Satomango* in view of *Blatti* (US 6,396,690; hereinafter "*Blatti*").

Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections are now moot, as independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of allowable claim 2.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is patentable over the applied references. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that rejected dependent claims 3-7, 11, 12, 17-19 and 26 are allowable, *at least* by virtue of their dependency.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

#### New Claims

Claims 27-38 are hereby added. Claims 27-37 are discussed above. New independent claim 38 is fully supported by FIG. 2 of the instant Application, and is respectfully submitted to be patentable over the applied references, as none of the references teach or suggest the provision of fans providing the cooling airflow as claimed.

#### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 3-38 are allowable. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the application now is in condition for allowance with all of the claims 1 and 3-38.

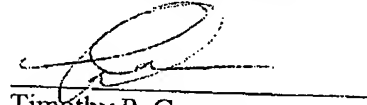
If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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application, except for the Issue Fee, to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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